

The Objections to the Drawings

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because they include reference signs allegedly not mentioned in the description. The Office Action specifically refers to reference sign 21b of Figure 1 and reference sign 51 of Figure 8. Applicant respectfully notes that reference sign 21b appears on page 21, line 21, and that reference sign 51 appears on page 25, lines 10 and 11.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(4) because reference characters have allegedly been used to designate more than one item. Specifically, the Office Action refers to reference characters 12, 22, and 23. Reference character “12” at page 5, line 18, has been amended to “15” in accordance with the comments of the Examiner. Reference character “22” is used to identify photosensitive regions and the InGaAs photodiode unit because the InGaAs photodiode unit functions as photosensitive regions. Reference character “23” is used to identify conversion regions and second cells because the second cells function as conversion regions. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that reference characters “22” and “23” are correct.

The drawings stand objected to because Figure 10 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--. In a Request for Approval of Drawing Change filed concurrently herewith, Applicant has proposed to amend Figure 10 to include a legend of “Prior Art” in accordance with the comments of the Examiner.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.